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**AMENDMENT**

Responsive to the Official Action dated July 25, 2002, entry and consideration of  
the following amendments and remarks are requested.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Amend the claims as follows.

Add the following claims:

--95. (New) A recombinant vector comprising any of the sequences as  
represented by SEQ ID NOs: 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, or parts thereof.

96. (New) A recombinant vector of claim 67 wherein said nucleotide sequence  
is a nucleotide sequence represented by SEQ ID NOs: 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 21, 23, 25, 27,  
29, 31, or parts thereof.

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